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Singers to Give 'Chimes Of Normandy'

Light Opera, Under Direction
Of Mr. Jones, Comes
Night of Dec. 7

Rehearsals of the "Chimes of Normandy," an opera by Planquette, to be presented on December 7, have been under way for some weeks. The opera is under the direction of Griffith Jones, director of music at Shaker schools.

The "Chimes of Normandy," a well-known opera, is classed next to grand opera. It has been performed by some of the largest opera companies in the world. The plot is crowded with suspense, mystery, and the most humorous situations imaginable. The principal vocal roles are listed in the order of their appearance.

Serpentine, A Soubrette ----- Marta Cerny
The Bailli, Officer of the Law ----- Frank Stafford
Gaspard, A Miser ----- Harry Brown
Jean Grenicheux, A Fisherman ----- Donald Dame
Germaine, The Lost Marchioness ----- Ruth Jennings
Henri, Marquis of Corneville ----- William Freeland

The village maidens are Geraldine Englehart, Betty Bair, Grace Hadfield, and Bertine Helper. The notary and his attendants include Clyde Fayne, Lloyd Gressle, and Dick Warner, respectively. Donald Dame and Frank Stafford are both singing the roles their respective fathers sang some years ago.

12A's Prefer Mid-Year Graduation

Twenty-eight of the present 12A class favor midyear graduation whereas only eight of the class of 41 are opposed to January commencement, according to a poll conducted by the *Shakerite*. The survey revealed the following vote:

Favoring midyear graduation---28
Opposed to midyear graduation---8
No preference ----- 5

The school administration has already pointed out its intention to continue its past policy, one graduation per year. To support this policy, two reasons are given. First, the mid-year classes are not yet large enough to warrant the expenditure of funds necessary for midyear exercises. Second, most of the students who attain the required credits by January voluntarily remain in school until June. Thirty-six of last year's class of forty-six remained to attend extra courses. Half of this year's class has already indicated its willingness to continue school next semester.

Will He Reach the Big One?



Lunchtime Hops Fill Leisure Time

The Lunchers' Dance Club, otherwise known as the L. D. C., entertained with a dance to the music of Maestro Bob White and his orchestra. This first affair, a Hallowe'en dance, was given Tuesday, October 30, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Smith and with the hearty endorsement of Mr. Patin. The admission was five cents per couple, and no stags were allowed.

Oberlin Honors Three Shaker Upper Classmen

In the Oberlin High School examinations Virginia Tuttle took first place in the English examination, entitling her to a one-year scholarship which she has already accepted. Donald Dame received a one-year scholarship to the Conservatory of Music by placing first in the voice competition. Frances Mathews won a second honorable mention award in French.

What Do Teachers Fear?

Are teachers superstitious? Maybe you thought they weren't, but a *Shakerite* reporter discovered differently when he asked the faculty, "Have you a superstition?"

Miss Hollon declares that she always has the feeling that 13 is her lucky number. When a girl she heard E. Hopkinson Smith, an author, deride and flout the idea that the number 13 is unlucky. Hence this unusual superstition.

Mr. Threlkill admits that he dislikes the idea of walking under ladders. "It is only a matter of safety," he added.

From there your reporter hurried up to Room 307, where Mr. Wyckoff holds sway. While coaching championship basket ball teams at Bedford, he got into the habit of wear-

ing the same tie at the game as he did at school that afternoon. If the team struck a winning streak, he would wear the same tie to every game.

Mr. Harcourt insists that, coming from a line of 18th century French Rationalists, which include Voltaire and Diderot, he is foolproof.

Mrs. Bishop believes that when leaves or other objects fly against her window, she will have good luck.

Crosby has no superstitions, but he adds, "I wish I did; it would be better for me."

Mr. French, for no particular reason, favors the numerals 3 and 7.

Miss Bowen, Miss Geiger, and Mr. Ames deny having any superstition at all.

Shaker Host To Dads at Latin Fray

Council Representatives Sell Pins With Team's Photo as Game Souvenirs

Dads' Day, an annual event sponsored by the Student Council, will be featured by the football game with Cathedral Latin on Friday, November 9.

Pins featuring a picture of the team will be sold by the council representatives for ten cents during the week of the game. The last period of the day on Friday will be set aside for an assembly in which the dads of the team will be introduced to the student body. These dads will be given special pins. To make the scene complete, the field will be appropriately decorated with the colors of the two competing teams, and the Shaker banner will be prominently displayed.

In addition to this exceptional game, the brilliant marching band of Cathedral Latin is scheduled to perform.

The Student Council is urging the pupils to purchase their tickets in advance, for all receipts taken in at the gate must be divided between the two schools.

Boy Receives Year-Old Prize, Gets Blimp Ride

It isn't often that one can actually "touch" a winner of a contest, but this year we have one in the school. Willard Limp has actually received his prize for selling the most tickets for the charity game at the Stadium eleven months ago. It was a half-hour blimp ride in Akron.

Willard says, "There was nothing thrilling about the ride except when coming down it felt like coming down in an elevator." But Mr. Crawford, contest editor of the Plain Dealer, who took the four winners up, wonders if they always have that same expression when descending in an elevator.

New Class Studies Nutrition

Mrs. Jordan has started a new class on nutrition this year. There are sixteen pupils enrolled. The main topic of discussion just now is "Food for Children."

The question studied by the budding dietitians are these: How can we tell how much to eat? What are the kinds of troubles that will appear if certain types of food are omitted? How can we measure foods to determine their respective food values? What are the proved values contributed by specific types of foods?



The "Shares," or the Girls' Life Saving Club, has recently elected its officers as follows: president Frances Mathews; vice president, Hope Griswold; secretary, Emily Eels; and treasurer, Mary Bowers. The club will give a party for the girl swimmers of Cleveland Heights High after school on Friday, November 23. This is the day before the Heights-Shaker game.

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The S. F. A. A. Music Club has chosen these officers for the coming year: president, Scotty Freeland; vice president, Donald Dame; secretary, Ruth Jennings, assisted by Marta Cerny; and treasurer, Fred Greisinger.

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The Science Club, under the direction of Mr. French, recently elected officers as follows: president, Jack Barkley; vice president, Roger Gilliland; treasurer, Warren Merritt; and secretary, Hyman Weintraub. Those boys recently initiated into the organization were Ralph Deuker, Jim Humel, Fred Levy, John Huberty, Jim Long, Don Horsburgh, Kenyon Swartwout, Jack Findeisen, Bill Hewett, and Bill Walker.

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Are you interested in your family tree? If you are, then communicate with Miss McCracken or Mrs. Sacha. These teachers will determine your eligibility to the new Cosmopolitan Club.

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The Miriam Stage League, sponsored by Miss Hollon, has elected the following officers: Jean Van Aken, president; Rosanna Brewer, vice president; and Carol Vogt, secretary. The club recently gave a tea for new sophomores in the school, in Room 206, on Wednesday, October 24.

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The Scribblers' League took their newly initiated members to the Halle Book Shop lectures by well-known authors visiting here, and to tea afterwards on Tuesday, October 23. New members recently voted into the organization are Betty Bair, Marcia Hitchcock, Miles Ryan, John Paul Miller, Robert and Richard Greenwald, Marjorie Schrader, Polly Jacoby, Jean Andrews, Marjorie Ferguson, Lorna Pilot, Isabel Green, Dorothy Schnaitter, Peggy Sowle, and Nancy Bickel.

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Parents Favor Class Insignia

Majority Say Thumbs Down, However, On Expensive Rings and Pins

The controversy on the value of high school pins always pops up at this time of year. Last week the faculty committee definitely tried to settle the question. Letters were sent to the parents of all 11th and 12th grade students asking their opinion on the matter of buying expensive class rings or pins. They were asked to answer the following questions:

- 1—Are you willing to have your boy or girl buy a ring or pin?
- 2—If so, how much do you think he should spend for it?
- 3—Are you in favor of abolishing all class insignia?

Sixty-two parents were in favor of having pins or rings, twenty-two against having them. Prices favored, ranged from 25 cents to \$7. Thirty parents wished to have all class insignia abolished and forty-seven opposed abolishing it.

This letter definitely stated that the faculty committee was opposed to expensive insignia.

Wide-eyed Parents View School

Parents go to school.

For once the parents asked the questions and the students and teachers did the replying instead of following the usual procedure.

Open House, with its elaborately planned schedule, provided an evening of entertainment and education for the parents on Monday, October 22.

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Boys From 3 Ohio Schools Visit Shaker, Think it "Heaven"

"Heaven!" Three visiting young boys, one from Youngstown, Ohio, and two from Poland, Ohio, high schools, expressed their opinion of Shaker in this one word. Bob Rock escorted these boys around the school. They thought the cafeteria was better than many hotels. The two gyms and swimming pools amazed them. When Bob showed them the laundry, they almost fell over.

Upon viewing the library, one of them suggested that they stay all day and read, because their school library is one-fourth the size and has few books. One of the boys exclaimed that he didn't see why anybody would want to skip school at Shaker.

Prize Writer Tells Reason for Success

Caroline Miller, author of the Pulitzer Prize novel, mother of three small boys, and possessor of an intriguing Georgian accent, voiced new theories on writing to the Shaker students on Wednesday, October 24. Mrs. Miller stated that to write, one must have an overwhelming ambition to be an author.

Mrs. Miller confessed that the only writing experience she had had heretofore was on her high school paper. She also stated that the writing of this novel took eighteen months, since she could write only in her spare time.

"Lamb in His Bosom," Mrs. Miller's only novel, portrays clearly the life of the poor whites who live in the backwoods of Georgia.

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Here and There

Take notice, girls!!! Bill Ward, that new sophomore, is very good-looking!!—How do you like the high school fellows, Doris?—We're still wondering about that black eye Bill Newell is sporting.—The Horn sisters certainly get their "Bills," but not only on the first of the month.—How's the secret passion, Bob?

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Harbour!!!! (Better late than never.)—That eternal triangle, Smith, Jacoby, and Petrequin!—Kitty, are you thinking of becoming a "Nunn"?—The once shy Kagen has finally been lured away by the wiles of a certain Jean.—Is Bill Coleman's choice blonde or brunette????—McConnell, the sole member of B. B. —What Junior A likes to dunk her toast?—How's about it, Nida?—It certainly isn't Lester's fault if Adele Allison doesn't like him!!—It's "Allman" to Betty Stockdale now!

Bill Kehres certainly has will-power, hasn't he, Gussie?—We used to have a Romeo around school and now there's a Juliet. Too bad you couldn't be here at the same time, Nancy.—It's queer how some girls suddenly acquire a liking for walking, isn't it, Jack?—We are informed there is not only a "woman haters" club, but also one formed by "man haters."—Now, boys and girls, don't be juvenile!!!!

Demonstrations of will-power—Bill Hewett assigns one ninth period.

As a result of Caroline Miller's remark, Mr. Morris, our only male English teacher, finds the flowers are beginning to pour in already.

The school ought to move the bleachers behind the goal posts so Aria wouldn't have to stand up.—Wonder what sweet words Jack Hildreth hears through those ear phones.—What tenor is having his throat excavated and enlarged?

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